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An Airman from the 16th Services Squadron garnishes a dish during the annual Hennessy Trophy Awards evaluation. The 16th SVS won the multiple-category title of the award.

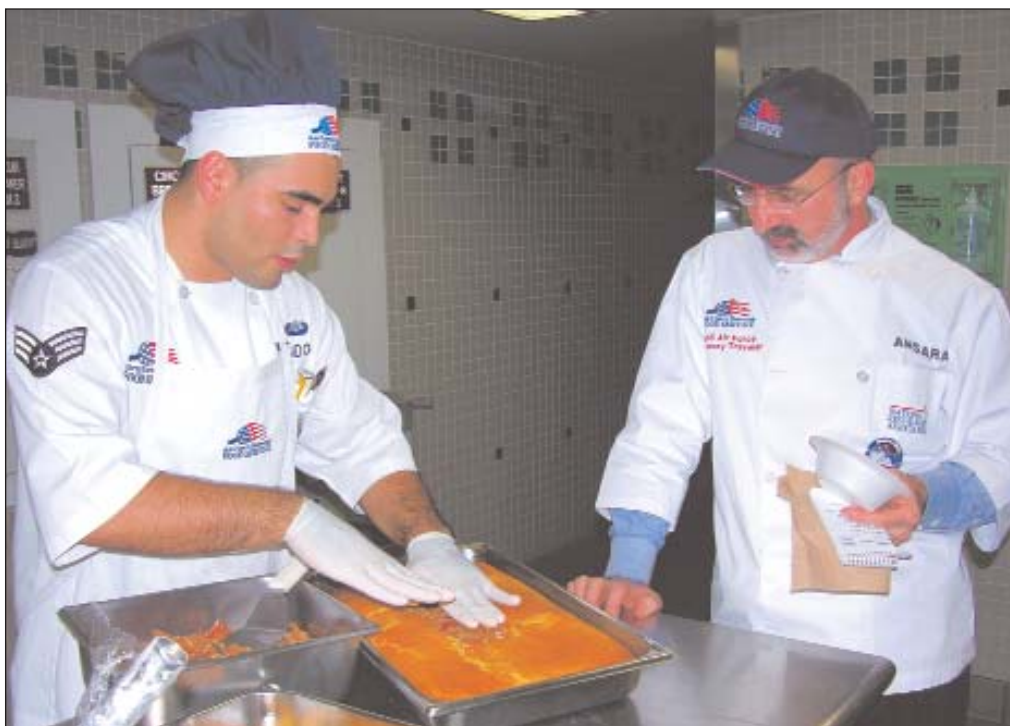


Photo by Karen DeCarlo

Services squadron seizes prestigious Hennessy trophy for dining excellence

By Senior Airman Heidi Davis
Public Affairs

For the fifth time in the past eight years, Hurlburt Field has been awarded the John L. Hennessy Trophy for the multi-facility category.

The Hennessy evaluation team visited Hurlburt Field Feb. 14-15 to weigh the quality of the Reef and Riptide dining facilities and the Oasis expanded flight kitchen in various areas of operational excellence, customer service and personnel training.

The Hennessy Trophy Awards Program is based on the entire scope of an installation's food service program exhibiting excellence in kitchen operations, serving and dining operations, training, personnel and readiness, sanitation and repair maintenance and management effectiveness.

After the evaluation was complete, Hurlburt Field received higher marks than six other competing installations in the multiple category: Eglin Air Force Base; Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England; Keesler AFB, Miss.; Holloman AFB, N.M.; Fairchild AFB, Wash.; Kadena AB, Japan.

"I can't tell you how proud I am to be associated

with the team of professionals we have in this (16th Services) squadron and our dining facility operations," said Lt. Col. Chris Wright, 16th SVS commander. "This awesome award solidifies what they do every day for Team Hurlburt."

Senior Airman David Mendoza, 16th SVS Reef dining facility, was selected to represent the Air Force Special Operations Command for the Hennessy Travelers Association Award for Excellence.

The award recognizes individuals who exemplify the highest standards of professionalism, attitude and culinary skills.

Airman Mendoza will travel to Chicago May 21, when the winners will be announced at the National Restaurant Association Show.

"It was a team effort," Airman Mendoza said. "We all work hard, but it's always nice to be recognized for everyday efforts."

The Hennessy Trophy is an annual award presented to Air Force installations with the best food-service programs. This year marks the 49th anniversary of the single and multiple-facility category competition.

Largest military complex war training exercise comes to close today

Airman 1st Class James Dickens
Public Affairs

Joint Red Flag, the military's largest, most realistic and complex war training exercise of 2005, concludes today after ten days, \$21 million and two years of planning.

Joint Red Flag is an all new exercise featuring the integration of live, virtual and constructive elements into a seamless joint campaign to challenge war fighters and test command control procedures, processes and architecture.

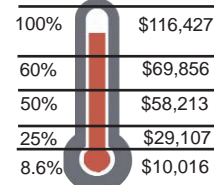
"Live training consists of aircrews actually in airplanes flying missions," said Col. Gary Crowder, 505th Command and Control Wing vice commander. "On the other hand, virtual training consists of aircrews in simulators flying missions, and the constructive element is a modeling and simulation system all done on the computer."

The exercise incorporates almost every weapon system in the military arsenal: aircraft, ground vehicles, personnel, communications and computer systems.

More than 10,000 joint military personnel at more than 40 locations are participating in the exercise. In addition to the 241 aircraft flying live missions in support of the exercise, many aircrews are able to participate using simulators linked together through an all-network which enables units to "fly" missions over the battlefield from their

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2005 Air Force Assistance Fund



Five weeks into the Air Force Assistance Fund campaign, Hurlburt Field has raised more than \$76,442, and has reached 19.5 percent participation.

The following are AFAP fund-raisers:

Today: Car wash, J.R. Rockers, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tuesday: Four-person Best-Ball Golf Tourney, Gator Lakes Golf Course 11:30 a.m.

Read about more of the fund-raisers on Page 15.

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Weather
forecast

Today Isolated showers; High 73, Low 68
Saturday Morning showers; High 74 Low 56
Sunday Partly cloudy; High 72, Low 52

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The Commander's Open Line is your direct line to me for questions or suggestions about subjects of concern to the Hurlburt Field community.

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Open lines of general interest will be printed in the COMMANDO. I'll answer the others by letter or a phone call.

However, the quickest and most efficient way to resolve a problem is to talk directly to the agency responsible. This gives them an opportunity to help you and perhaps improve their process.



Col.
O.G. Mannon

General explains new DOD sexual assault policy

By Terri Lukach
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The new guidelines for reporting incidents of sexual assault within the military create, for the first time, a Department of Defense-wide standard that will provide victims with the support they need and help commanders get to root causes of the problems.

Before the policy, announced March 18, there were "pockets of excellence," but no overarching policy for contending with sexual abuse," Brig. Gen. K.C. McClain said.

The new policy "provides a framework for how the department will respond," she said.

The new guidelines are expected to take effect in mid-June.

"Sexual abuse crimes create a sense of (powerlessness) in the victim (and) a loss of control, and the official investigative process can be overwhelming," General McClain said.

According to the general, it's primarily this sense of being overwhelmed and powerless that causes victims to forgo reporting sexual-abuse incidents.

The new policy allows the victim to report incidents and receive medical treatment and counseling, while giving the victim more time and control over the release and management of personal information. In short, it allows the victim "to come forward without initiating the reporting process," General McClain said.

She said the new policy won't limit commanders from addressing problems of abuse within their commands.

"Now commanders will have more information about the scope and nature of the problem within their organizations," the general said. "It will allow them to adjust their prevention efforts and judge the effectiveness of their training program."

General McClain said it also creates a universal policy across all

services, which is particularly important in this new era of joint operations.

"It's critical to have the same policy applied across the Department of Defense," she said. "Otherwise, we could have different forms of confidentiality, or even different access to services, varying by location. That would not only be confusing, but also inequitable."

Officials say the message of the new policy is that while complete reporting and accountability is preferable, the first priority is to ensure victims are protected, treated with dignity and respect, and receive the medical treatment and support they deserve.

Everyone in the DOD has a role in prevention and response, regardless of rank, position, duty title or assignment, the general said.

"That role is to understand what behavior constitutes sexual assault, and to send a message to co-workers and friends that those behaviors are unacceptable and won't be tolerated." (AFPN)

Airman: 'No greater pride' than serving country

By Senior Airman Alisha Waters
16th MDOS

On Nov. 15, 2003, I left American soil for the first time. I wouldn't see home again for another 120 days.

Nov. 17, 2003, marked the beginning of my deployment. The gracious people around us gave us time to get over our jet lag and adapt to our new surroundings. It seemed like for the first two days all I did was sleep.

However, two days later, I was taught the "in and outs" of a third country national escort in a few short hours.

After receiving the training I needed, I set out on the first day of my job. It was my duty to watch the contractors who were civilians from the surrounding countries. The civil engineer squadron there had the primary duties of building the housing complex and other large buildings we were to occupy on base at a later date.

The TCNs worked under the supervision of the civil engineer squadron. They were building the basis of what was to become a critical hard base that was to be a major part of the war on terrorism and a key point in the personal well-being of future deployed Airmen.

My flight played a critical role in the base's security. We were to ensure the TCNs didn't acquire information that could lead to a base security breach. We'd also observe the TCNs while they dug ditches and laid

concrete - building the foundation of what was to be a better community.

Things were calm the majority of the time, however, there was that one percent of TCNs who meant harm to our society - anywhere from active dissertation to covert espionage. I did everything from observe to actively participate with the Office of Special Investigations to turn in individuals who weren't fit to be at the air base.

I was out there through desert sandstorms and national holidays. With calls to my family only twice a week, I made it through good times and bad.

The feeling of success when U.S. forces captured Saddam Hussein will always be with me. It was an adventure of a lifetime that I would never want to take back.

No matter what happened, I will forever understand that my duties were small in the scope of a worldwide fight against the prejudice of a terrorist organization. However, I'm proud to have represented my country.

Pride will forever be in the heart of all of us who served, when we remember the attack on our central figures of democracy.

For any one of us who have ever felt the butterflies in our stomach as we boarded the first plane in the fulfillment of the oath we took when we first signed on the dotted line, or for those who are waiting for their turn to go: there is no greater pride.

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March 25 - 31: 0 DUI

This year: 5

DUIs for 2004: 42

Last DUI: 16th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, March 19

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Potential saves this year: 139

16th OG...39

16th MXG...12

16th MSG...17

16th MDG...105

Individual groups get a down day for 60 consecutive days without a DUI. Totals are current as of March 31.

AF widow receives husband's medal after 55 years

By Capt. Tom Montgomery
AFSOC Public Affairs
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AF Enlisted Village

SHALIMAR, Fla. – An Air Force widow was presented the Purple Heart for her husband, who sustained enemy fire during the Korean War, in a posthumous ceremony at Bob Hope Air Force Enlisted Village Monday.

Lt. Gen. Michael Wooley, Air Force Special Operations Command commander, presented the medal to Kazuko "Kay" Sloan for her husband, retired Tech. Sgt. Zane Sloan who was a corporal at the time he was wounded in Korea.

"My shoulders feel a little bit light," Mrs. Sloan said.

The 77-year-old Air Force widow was describing her relief at finally getting recognition for her husband.

"I knew I had to do this before I died – now I don't worry," she said with a smile. Mrs. Sloan's husband died in December 2003.

"He was very sad about not receiving the



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Carlotta Griffith

The Air Force Special Operations Command commander presents a Purple Heart to the wife of deceased husband, Tech. Sgt. Zane Sloan.

the Korean fighting.

Mrs. Sloan also had a short narrative written by her husband detailing the actions surrounding his injuries. Corporal Sloan spent three years in the Marine Corps, then joined the Army Air Corps where he served 22 years. He was a veteran of World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

After the Korean War, Corporal Sloan was stationed at Misawa Air Base, Japan, in the 6163rd

Purple Heart. He worked hard to set the record straight. After he died, it was my place to work on it."

Mrs. Sloan, who's lived at Bob Hope Village since October 2004, approached Jim Binnicker, Air Force Enlisted Village president and former chief master sergeant of the Air Force, for help recently. She'd tried to research the error on her own, but received an overwhelming number of forms to complete. Her stepson had even consulted a lawyer about the case, but was told there wasn't enough proof.

She showed Chief Binnicker a small, yellowed newspaper clipping that stated the corporal, who was previously reported missing in action, had returned to duty and received the Purple Heart for wounds received in action during

Communications Squadron.

He served with the 7th Infantry Division during the Inchon Invasion as part of a four-man tactical control team. At the battle of the Chosin Reservoir in 1950, his division was overrun by Chinese forces and withdrew. Two members of his four-man team were killed in action. The 25-year-old was wounded in both legs by enemy fire.

"I was supposed to have been awarded the Purple Heart at the Army hospital in Yokohama, but I've never seen any orders if I was," he wrote.

With just the two small pieces of paper, Chief Binnicker contacted the Military Personnel Center at Randolph AFB, Texas, and asked them to research it. Eventually, his medical records were tracked down at the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, Mo. The records confirmed Corporal Sloan's injuries.

"This is a fitting tribute, even though so many years have passed," said General Wooley. "Today we recognize one of America's heroes, who gave selfless service to his country."

Several AFEV residents and military members observed the ceremony in the Community Center ballroom. About 20 terminal-air controllers presented Mrs. Sloan with a shadowbox with an American Flag, the Purple Heart, a coin, beret and a dagger inscribed with her husband's name.

"I'm so grateful to Mr. Binnicker," Mrs. Sloan said. "I feel like my husband is looking over me. I feel relieve knowing he earned it."

Spec Ops to put AF uniform to test

By Senior Airman Heidi Davis
Public Affairs

The Air Force Uniform Board visited Hurlburt Field March 14-18 to give Special Operations Airmen an inside look at the new approved "next generation" utility uniform.

Although the uniform has already been approved, the uniform board is testing the durability and new enhancements in the most extreme working conditions of Special Operations Airmen at Hurlburt Field and Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash.

"For six months (beginning in June), more than 70 Airmen from the 720th Special Tactics Group Advanced Skills Training, the 23rd Special Tactics Squadron; Pararescue Jumpers and Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape students and instructors, will get down and dirty in the uniforms," said Senior Master Sgt. Gregory Nabors, 16th Logistics Readiness Squadron. "After the uniforms have been put to the true test, the Special Operations Airmen will provide constructive criticism and feedback about the design and enhancements of the uniform."

The 18th Flight Test Squadron has been nominated to wear the uniform to be test data gatherers for the Air Force Uniform Board, Sergeant Nabors said. "Although the uniform will only be tested here and at Fairchild," Sergeant Nabors said, "it's designed for all Air Force specialty codes.



Courtesy photo

Dr. James Roche, former Secretary of the Air Force, (above right) is pictured wearing the new battle dress uniform.

Some alterations have been made to the new design to improve fit, convenience and look for all Air Force personnel."

Some of the new changes in the uniform include men's and women's sizes, an extra inside map pocket, three hat shapes to choose from – boonie, eight-point and battle dress uniform styles – style of stripes and suede boots, Sergeant Nabors said. "The biggest challenge was the color," he said. "Because the uniforms will replace all Air Force uniforms to include desert BDUs, the previous dark blue color had to be swapped for a faded blue."

Airmen can look forward to a "wash, dry, wear" uniform which is an improvement from having to iron and starch, Sergeant Nabors said. Once the wear test is complete, military personnel will be notified of the uniform change within a year.

SOF kicks off NASCAR's Golden Corral 500 race

By Walter Solaski Jr. and Kelly Tyler

U.S. Army Special Operations Command and 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment

Four Special Operators from Hurlburt Field took center stage with the commanding general of U.S. Army Special Operations and eight other Special Operators at the NASCAR Golden Corral 500 race at Atlanta Motor Speedway March 20.

Special Operations Forces kicked off the pre-race pageantry with a special delivery – the official pace car, racing legend Darrell Waltrip and race commentator Jeff Hammond. The car was transported to the racetrack in the back of an MH-47E Chinook helicopter from the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne).

The deafening cheers of the 135,000 person crowd followed the pace car around the track as it led the way with a 12-man joint service contingent of Special Operations service members, accompanied by Lt. Gen. Philip Kensinger Jr., the USASOC commander. The contingent included the U.S. Air Force Special Operations Command, Army Special Forces, Navy SEALs and aviators from the 160th SOAR.

The families of the 12 Special Operators were the grand marshals for the race and gave the traditional "gentlemen, start your engines" command to officially kick off the second running of the Golden Corral 500.

The spouses and 19 children began the day with a grand tour of the speedway, including pit row and the NASCAR garages.

"My 4-year-old daughter had a blast running everywhere," said Master Sgt. Andrew Martin, 720th Operations Support Squadron. "She got to be in front of the cameras and on television; it was a good experience."

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Comptrollers plan historical change of command

By Master Sgt. Kevin Owen
19th SOS

In a few months, the 16th Comptroller Squadron will hold what to most attendees will look like an average change-of-command ceremony.

In a ceremony presided over by Col. O.G. Mannon, 16th Special Operations Wing commander, Maj. Nancy Whitfill will relinquish command to her husband, Maj. Lance Whitfill.

While the Air Force doesn't generally track the family relationships of past or present commanders, Air Force Historical Research Agency historians think this is the first time one spouse will relinquish command to another.

"My advice to my husband is the same as it would be for anyone else who was coming in to take my position," said Maj. Nancy Whitfill.

"That is, core in, be yourself, and let them know who you are and what your philosophies and expectations are."

Major Whitfill will retire with 23 years of active-duty service. Her retirement plan is to simply spend as much time golfing as possible.

Maj. Lance Whitfill looks forward to taking command with even more excitement than most first-time commanders.

"One of my goals as an Air Force officer has been to become a commander," he said. "I'm excited about achieving this goal, but assuming command from my wife - one of the best officers and comptrollers I have known - makes this opportunity at least a little unique and sends the excitement meter passed pegged."

All 16th CPTS activities will be closed June 10 for the ceremony.



Photo by Airman 1st Class James Dickens

The current 16th Comptroller Squadron commander and the Chief of Air Force Budget Operations for Headquarters Air Force Special Operations Command, assist a customer at the finance customer service counter.

Pennies paid, dollars raised: Youth playathon raises hundreds for tsunami relief efforts

By Jaime Haig
Public Affairs

Hurlburt Field Youth Center members paid to play Monday to help raise money for children and other victims of the Indian Ocean tsunami.

Seventy-seven children paid a penny to play a variety of games for a 15-minute time period.

At the sound of the tambourines, the children headed to the next game on the rotation. Three hours later, their goal of \$300 was met.

Hasbro donated all the games for the nationwide event, including Twister, Jenga and Tonka Toys; the games will remain there for future use.

Carolyn Becker, director of youth programs for the 16th Services Squadron, learned about the event



Photo by Airman 1st Class Ali Flisek

A few boys gather around one of the Jenga tower tables during the playathon Monday at the youth center. The youth, who paid a penny a game during the playathon, raised \$300 for tsunami-relief efforts.

through KidsHelpOut, a non-profit organization. Through KidsHelpOut, Best Western International will

time, help the tsunami victims," said Roger Coleman, 11.

"The thought of them not having

match any monies raised, penny-for-penny. The donations are then sent to United Nations Children's Fund, which is in charge of the tsunami relief efforts in Asia.

When the children were asked individually if they knew why they were having a playathon, every one of them smiled and nodded.

"I like it. I get to have fun, play with my friends and at the same

food or toys is sad," said Jamal Nunez, 11.

While some children were busy making macaroni and cheese out of PlayDoh, others were building scooters out of Tonka Toys. Jenga towers teetered at four different tables; a 'record' thirteen pieces had been removed before one tower wobbled and fell.

LiteBrite artists were busy creating their own masterpieces, while Twister tied up other children in knots.

Battleship contenders Sheary, 8, and her friend, Nicole, 7, thought it was fun.

"We didn't think it would be - but it was!" said Nicole.

When Mr. Percy asked the kids if it costs a lot of money to help the tsunami victims, a resounding, "No! It only costs a penny!" could be heard throughout the youth center.

The donations will be sent to UNICEF next week.

Learn how alcohol affects your health

The Hurlburt Field Alcohol Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment Program will conduct free, anonymous education and screenings Thursday in the atrium of the 16th Medical Group and at the health and wellness center from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in observance of National Alcohol Screening Day.

"Although most individuals who drink do so safely," said Capt. Malorie Fredde, psychologist and ADAPT program manager, "many people are unaware of the negative effects alcohol can have on health. The goal of NASD is to educate the public on the potential risks associated with drinking. Through education, awareness and understanding, individuals can make informed

decisions about their drinking behaviors."

As part of the program, participants will hear an educational presentation on alcohol problems, complete a written self-test and have the opportunity to talk privately with a health professional. An educational video, pamphlets, brochures and flyers will be available as well as referrals to local treatment and support resources for those who need further evaluation.

NASD is held in April as part of Alcohol Awareness Month.

For more information about alcohol or the screening program, visit www.NationalAlcoholScreeningDay.org or call Gary Scott at 881-5242.

IAAFA recruiting team to visit base

Have you ever been interested in becoming a bilingual technical training instructor, professional military education instructor or military training leader?

Do you possess the experience and working knowledge to do so in Spanish? If so, the Inter-American Air Forces Academy is looking to recruit Spanish-speaking Hurlburt Field members to teach their specialty to military personnel from Latin America. The IAAFA recruiting team will host a briefing April 20 in the 20th Special Operations Squadron auditorium at 1:30 p.m.

Few jobs in the Air Force are as unique and rewarding than an assignment to IAAFA. If you're a Spanish-speaking Air Force member, the IAAFA recruiting team invites you to

attend the briefing and learn more about these challenging careers. Personnel from all Air Force Specialty Codes, especially aircraft maintenance, are eligible to apply for these positions. Spouses of potential applicants are also invited to attend.

Being a member of the Inter-American Air Forces Academy allows the unique opportunity to teach international students in Spanish and to travel to many countries, while earning extra money.

The team can expedite the processing of an applicant's special-duty application if they bring a completed application with them to the briefing. To obtain a copy of IAAFA's special-duty application, call Master Sgt. Mayra Casanova at 884-4438.

Special OPERATORS



Photo by Staff Sgt. Ebony Pierre

Eggs-cellent finds

An Easter Egg Hunt volunteer and her brother drop a few more Easter eggs into the basket during the hunt at the Community Park March 26.

Approximately 75 children showed up at the park at 10 a.m. to search for the brightly-colored treasures, which were hidden throughout the park.

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Hungry? Have a healthy snack

Courtesy of the HAWC

You're sitting at your desk, minding your own business when it hits you - your stomach growls, your mouth waters and your mind wanders.

No doubt, you're hungry. But, it's only 10 am. - two hours away from lunch. What to do? Have a snack.

Snacks can be good for us if we make good choices. When making healthy choices, snacking can enhance your diet. Healthy snacks can add fiber and nutrients to your diet without adding unwanted calories.

They can also provide you an energy boost during the

day and help fuel your workouts.

Snacking also prevents excessive hunger, which can lead to overeating. Choosing the right foods is as important at snack time as at mealtime.

Avoid gaining weight from snacking by keeping your portions small and space your meals and snacks three to four hours apart.

Keep snacks under 250 calories by reading the food labels of packaged foods. It will help determine the number of calories per serving.

Suggestions for healthy snacks include:

Fresh fruit or canned water-packed fruit (4 ounce can)

Dry cereal (1 cup)

Non-fat or low-fat whole grain crackers (four to six crackers)

Raw vegetables (cut and portioned)

Non-fat or low-fat yogurt or cottage cheese (6 oz.)

A handful of nuts or dried fruit (Approximately 20 nuts)

A container of orange juice or vegetable juice (6 oz.)

Snacks to avoid are fatty or salty foods like chips and high-sugar foods such as doughnuts, candy, cookies and sodas.

Materials to help you on your way to reach healthy goals are available at: <http://airforcemedicine.afms.mil/shapeyourfuture.mil>.



B-47E

Week in History

The following is a list of extraordinary events that occurred this week in military history:

March 28, 1944 - The 15th Air Force flew its first "1000-ton raid" striking targets in Italy.

March 29, 1923 - Lt. Russell Maughan set a world speed record of 236.587 mph in a Curtiss R-6.

March 30, 1945 - Twenty six B-29s flew the final mission from Indian bases.

March 31, 1966 - The Strategic Air Command phased out the last B-47 aircraft.

April 1, 1954 - The Bill creating the Air Force Academy was signed by President Dwight Eisenhower.

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home station.

Those involved in Joint Red Flag at Hurlburt Field are taking several different roles.

"Hurlburt Field is playing a big part in the live training aspect of JRF," said Colonel Crowder. "The 16th Special Operations Wing has flown live fire missions that are integrated into the overall JRF exercise."

The 505th CCW is the Joint Exercise control group, who plays the behind-the-screen role in the exercise said Colonel Crowder.

"We manage all events and simulations of JRF, with the help of the 350 personnel temporarily deployed to Hurlburt Field at the 505th CCW," Colonel Crowder said.

"This is the exercise of the future," he said. "All the training is designed specifically for the squadron or units participating. They learn skills they will use in upcoming deployments."

"Joint training is a reflection of the fact that our military fights jointly," he said. "No one of us can achieve the mission alone, but together we're the strongest military in the world."



An MH-53 PAVE LOW crew member scans the land below during the Joint Red Flag exercise March 24.

Photo by Airman 1st Class Ali Flisek

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Photo by Kelly Tyler

Two MH-47E helicopters and an MC-130 Combat Talon fly over the track's infield in an aerial refueling formation March 20 at the Atlanta Motor Speedway.

The service members also formed an honor cordon to greet the drivers as they were introduced to the fans. Each of them took a second lap around the track as they paired with the top 12 qualifiers.

"My children had a blast at the race, they especially enjoyed yelling out the "start your engines!" command," said

Master Sgt. Michael Glass, 8th Special Operations Squadron.

This was followed by a flight of two MH-47E helicopters and an MC-130 Combat Talon that flew over the track's infield in an aerial refueling formation.

"It was amazing, it actually converted this Yankee into a NASCAR fan," Sergeant Glass said. "I even watch NASCAR on television now."

This is the second consecutive year that Golden Corral Corporation and Atlanta Motor Speedway have honored SOF warriors.

"It was a huge honor to be able to put a face on SOF," said Sergeant Martin.

Editors Note: Airman 1st Class James Dickens, 16th SOW Public Affairs contributed to this report.

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A Marine Corps lance corporal takes aim with a door mounted M-60 machine gun, while a Marine sergeant (left) calls out directions as the UH-1N Twin Huey overflies the target during live-fire, close-air support training on the massive ranges within the Eglin Air Force Base range complex in September 2003.

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Courtesy of the USAFSOS

Deeply rooted in Air Force history, the U.S. Air Force Special Operations School has been educating Special Operations Forces for more than 35 years.

The goal is to "educate initial, intermediate, senior Special Operations Forces personnel and selected other national and international security decision-makers - military and civilian - through teaching, research and outreach in the science and art of Joint Special Operations."

The school implements U.S. Special Operations Command's educational strategy directly enhancing mission readiness and force survivability by conducting numerous resident and off-station courses emphasizing SOF combat search and rescue missions, battle management and the only Department of Defense senior-level crisis response course.

Annually, more than 6,000 students - SOF, selected DOD civilians and selected coalition partners - are pushed through the USAFSOS courses. During its formative years, the school's main thrust was the preparation of Air Force personnel for duty in Southeast Asia. Since then, the USAFSOS curriculum has grown from a single course of instruction with 300 graduates a year to 36 formal courses and numerous off-station tutorials and Mobile Education Teams.

Unique to the school is its joint search and rescue course, which is designed to educate and prepare attendees selected to serve in joint search and rescue centers and rescue coordination centers. It also offers a variety of courses with specialized education on joint SOF operations, Air Force SOF command and control, leadership and command, force development, force protection and anti-terrorism, information operations and psychological operations and regional awareness and orientation.

In addition, the USAFSOS provides personnel augmentation and expertise to Air Force Special Operations Command and the Air Expeditionary Force rotations in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

In the future, the USAFSOS would like to link SOF education to the Air Force's Force Development initiative, increase the video tele-instruction capability, expand curriculum in order to meet rapidly changing global and regional environments and introduce higher learning through seminar-focused courses.

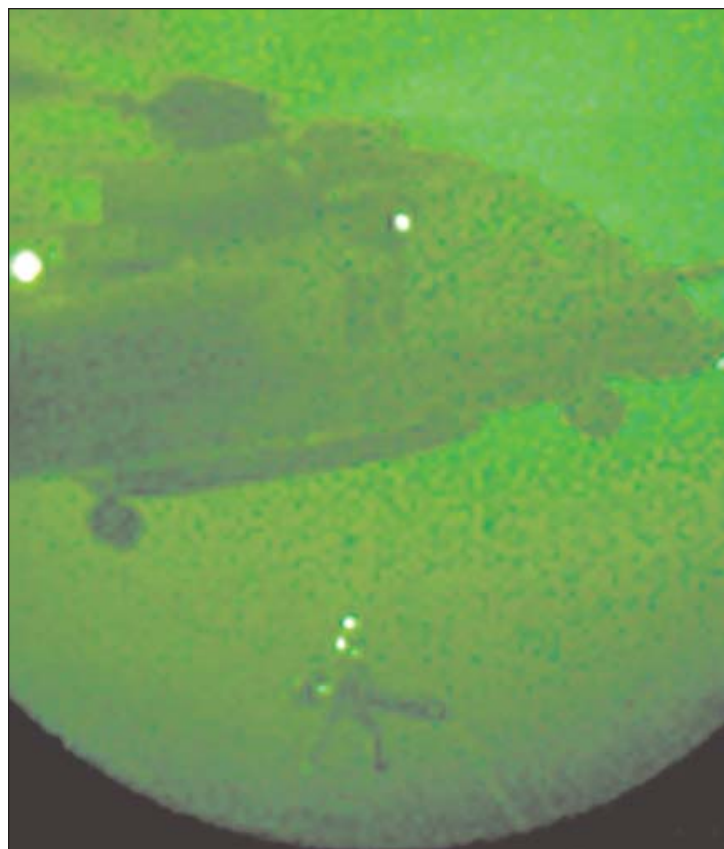
For more information about the school and its collegiate partner, the Joint Special Operations University, visit <https://www.hurlburt.af.mil/milonly/tenantunits/jsou>.



Courtesy photos

A Marine (above) uses light wands to guide an AH-1W Cobra attack helicopter to a deck landing aboard the Helicopter Landing Trainer Baylander (IX-514) while underway in Pensacola Bay. Both AH-1W Cobra attack helicopters and UH-1N Twin Huey helicopters from Helicopter Marine Light Attack 773 (HMLA-773) performed current training on the Baylander during a deployment to Hurlburt Field for a joint exercise.

Airmen (left) are lifted into an MH-53 PAVE LOW during a search and rescue exercise.



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An Air Force Special Operations Command Regional Supply Squadron staff sergeant checks out a library book from a base library technician.

Base library upgrade joins ACC, AFSOC resources

Story and photo by Karen DeCarlo
 16th SVS

The base library is upgrading to a state-of-the-art management system to link the resources and publications of the Air Combat Command and Air Force Special Operations Command into one consortium.

"This phased initiative is the result of three years of effort to bring ACC and AFSOC libraries to the forefront of library systems technology with a single, centralized library program that will also provide long-term cost savings for both major commands," said Kelly Desmond, library director.

"Participating libraries have worked since June 2004 to bring the program online for spring 2005. ACC and AFSOC are the first MAJCOMs to put such a program in place and expect to set the standard for other Air Force libraries," she said.

The upgrade to the new system should appear seamless to patrons, but a period of transition should be expected as the old system and upgraded system will run concurrently.

"It will allow us to increase productivity with acquisitions, cataloging and circulation of materials today and still meet tomorrow's challenges with an evolving system," said Ms. Desmond.

In the new system, patrons will be able to search for resources and materials at any of the 17 consortium libraries. Eventually, it's expected to include all Air Force libraries, making them one world-wide union catalog.

The online catalog can be accessed from any Internet-ready computer, and library online services are available to any Air Force library patron with a new library card and pin number.

Base library patrons, new and existing, must register with the new system. Color-coded library cards for adults and children will be issued for the first time at Hurlburt Field during the quick registration process. Registration starts April 11, as the library kicks off National Library Week.

The library staff will conduct an optional end user class at 3 p.m. each day from April 11 to 15. The 20-minute class will be held on a "first come, first served" basis.

In preparation for the upgrade, in-house training for the library staff will be conducted Thursday and April 8. The library will be open, but services will be limited and the computer lab section will be closed. Books and magazines, however, will continue to be checked in and out at the circulation desk during normal hours of operation.

Base library hours are Mondays through Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m. It's located at 443 Coby Avenue.

For more information, call the library at 884-6266, or visit Hurlburt Field's Library Web site at <http://www.commandolibrary.com>.

Free hazardous waste collection day

Courtesy of 16th CES

Hurlburt Field will host a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day April 22 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Community Park entrance next to the child development center and across from the base pool.

The sponsors of this event are the 16th Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental Flight and Okaloosa County's one-of-a-kind, Mobile Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center.

Household hazardous wastes are those wastes that are commonly found in our households that are hazardous in nature, but are not regulated as hazardous wastes under federal and state laws.

HHW is most commonly found in your bathroom, garage, kitchen, garden, workshop, car, basement and study.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, an average home can easily accumulate 100 pounds per year of HHW. These common products can include cleaners, paints, stains and varnishes, car batteries, motor oil, pesticides and other products containing hazardous ingredients.

HHW, if disposed of improperly, may contami-

nate our air, soil and water. Even small amounts of these wastes, when thrown out in the trash, may pollute ground water at a landfill.

Items that will be accepted at this event include, but aren't limited to the following:

- Paints
- Brake fluid
- Fertilizers
- Paint products
- Antifreeze
- Herbicides/pesticides
- Solvents
- Automotive chemicals
- Pool chemicals
- Roofing tar
- Furniture polish
- Fluorescent bulbs
- Used oil
- Spot removers
- Smoke alarms
- Oil filters
- General purpose cleaners
- Fire extinguishers
- Gasoline
- Drain cleaners
- Batteries
- Gas cylinders
- Oven cleaners
- Computer monitors/TVs
- Engine degreasers
- Detergents
- Appliances

We can't accept explosives, radioactive material, ammunition, bio-medical waste and large appliances (i.e. refrigerators, stoves, etc).

Safety tips for bringing your HHW to the event are

Pack wastes carefully in a sturdy upright box and pad with newspaper to prevent spillage during transport (be prepared to leave your containers).

Make sure containers are not leaking by tightening caps and lids.

Items that aren't sealed or are leaking need to be placed in a larger container for transport.

Arrange like chemicals together and pack separately (e.g. pesticides together, solvents together, paints together, etc.).

Label materials that aren't in their original containers (unknowns should be packed in a separate box and transported carefully). Place your box(es) of HHW in the trunk of your car or in the bed of your truck and drive directly to the site.

Never mix chemicals (leave materials in original containers) and never smoke while handling hazardous materials.

All base employees and residents are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to safely dispose of hazardous products commonly found in their homes, free of charge.

For more information, call Andrea Bishop at 884-7924.

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Photo by Airman 1st Class Joshua Jasper

Steady as she goes

Airmen work on an HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter at Moody Air Force Base, Ga. during the kick-off of the 347th Rescue Wing's operational readiness inspection. The Air Force's only combat search and rescue wing underwent its first ORI since transitioning to Air Force Special Operations Command in 2003, March 3-17.

Military

USAFSOS course

The U.S. Air Force Special Operations School will hold the Introduction to Special Operations Course April 19-22 for those who are new to, returning to or professionally affiliated with U.S. Special Operations Command.

ISOC provides military and civilian members with a joint understanding of Special Operations Forces to include structure, assets and capabilities. For seating availability, call Joyce Weber at 884-4731. For more information on ISOC, visit <https://www.hurlburt.af.mil/milonly/usafsos> or call 1st Lt. Brian Wiggins at 884-6861.

JSOU course

The Joint Special Operations University will hold the Cross Cultural Communications Course April 11-15 for all Special Operators who are preparing to live in or deploy overseas, who work with international programs, or have a professional or analytical interest in international studies. For more information, call Joyce Weber at 884-4731 or Capt. Apryl Cymbal at 884-4472 or visit <https://www.hurlburt.af.mil/milonly/tenantunits/jsou/>.

Community

Minimal comptroller manning

The 16th Comptroller Squadron will be minimally manned April 11-15 due to a field-training exercise. During this period, customers may experience extended waiting times. All members who have access to the myPay Web site are urged to take full advantage of its available services. Normal operations will return April 18. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. James Encke at 884-6950.

Fitness center cuts

Due to recent funding challenges and the loss of civilian over-hire positions, the hours of operation at the Aderholt and Commando fitness centers will change, and the towel service will be discontinued at all base fitness centers. Effective April 11, Aderholt's weekday hours will be from 5 a.m. to 11:30 p.m., weekend hours will remain 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; the Commando's weekday hours will be from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., closed on weekends; Riptide's weekday hours will be from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., closed weekends.

Customers must bring their own towels for working out and showering. The fitness staff apologizes for any inconveniences these changes may cause.

Motorcycle club meeting

The Hurlburt Field Sentinels of Freedom motorcycle club holds monthly membership meetings the first Tuesday of each month at the enlisted hooch at 3 p.m. For more information, call 881-1076.

Teen 4-H Adventure Camp

Hurlburt Field's Youth Center is accepting applications for the Teen 4-H Adventure Camp that will be held June 26 - July 1 at the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension 4-H Conference Center in Little Rock, Ark. The camp is for youth,

ages 14-18, who are active members of the youth program. This Air Force Services program is open to family members of active-duty military assigned to or living on an Air Force base, Air Force retired military or civilian employees, and active Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members.

Selected teens will be actively involved in a wide range of physical outdoor adventures, leadership and team-building activities throughout the week. Hurlburt Field application packages are available at the youth/teen center Building 90337 and are due by Wednesday. For more information, call youth programs at 884-6355.

Faith in the Foxhole

The Hurlburt Field Chapel invites all base personnel to attend the next Faith in the Foxhole monthly luncheon Thursday at noon. The lunch is free. The guest speaker will be Master Sgt. Keith Carter, 23rd Special Tactics Squadron first sergeant. For more information, call 884-7795.

EOSC luncheon

The Eglin Officers' Spouses' Club will hold a bingo luncheon April 20 at 10:30 a.m. at the Eglin Officers' Club ballroom. To make reservations for the luncheon and childcare, call Eileen Workman at 314-9755 or Karen Kirk at 897-0533.

Christian single's retreat

The Hurlburt Field Chapel's Flying Solo program invites all single Airmen to attend the Emerald Coast Christians Single Military Retreat at the Laguna Beach Christian Retreat Center in Panama City Beach April 15-17. For more information, call John Rice at 803-6584 or Chaplain (Capt.) Richard Anderson at 884-2946/7795.

AF space camp

Hurlburt Field's Youth Center is accepting applications for the third annual Air Force Space Camp that will be held July 31 - Aug. 5 at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Ala. for youth ages 12-18. The program is open to family members of active-duty military assigned to or living on an Air Force base, Air Force retired, Air Force civilian employees, and active Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members. Application packages are available at the youth/teen center; the deadline is Wednesday. For more information, call 884-6355.

Travel expo

Information, tickets and travel is hosting Travel Expedition 2005 at the Soundside club April 13 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Admission is free and open to government issued identification cardholders and their guests. More than \$12,000 in door prizes will be given away. Approximately 80 vendors from across the country will share information on a wide variety of hotels, cruises and sightseeing attractions. A fish fry is also planned at 11 a.m. Cost is \$5 per plate. For more information, call 884-6795.

Summer Hire Program

Hurlburt Field is in the process of preparing for the 2005 Summer Hire Program, which consists of full-time jobs available to students who will be 16 years of age by the work start date May 31.

The Air Force Personnel Center will advertise for summer-hire vacancies until today. Students must be enrolled in high school, technical or vocational school, or a college/university and taking at least a

half-time academic/vocational or technical course load to qualify. The summer hire announcements can be viewed at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afjobs. Information on how to apply can be found in the AFPC Job Kit, which is located on the Web site above, or applicants can pick up a copy at the Hurlburt Field Civilian Personnel Office, Building 90210, Room 135. For more information, call 884-5212.

Base housing spring cleanup

A base housing spring cleanup will be held Saturday and Sunday and April 16-17 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The self help store will be set up at the marina parking lot, the main base store and Commando Village's RV storage lot. The store will issue 10 plants per household, top soil/fertilizer, red rubber mulch, pine straw and grass seed. Wheel barrows, rakes and shovels will be available for sign out.

Volunteer

Clinic pharmacy

Volunteers are needed to assist in handing out prescriptions and helping to prepack medications at the 16th Medical Group Pharmacy weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Any time of the day or length of time would be helpful. For more information, call Master Sgt. John Sanford at 881-2133.

Airman's Attic, Loan Closet

Volunteers are needed to work at the Airman's Attic and Loan Closet. Hours for the Airman's Attic are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.; hours for the Loan Closet will be Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Retirees are also encouraged to volunteer. For more information, call Terri Harshman at 884-1533.

APIA Heritage Month

May is Asian Pacific/Islander American Heritage Month. Currently the military equal opportunity office is inviting volunteers to assist in organizing, preparing and supporting the observance period. For more information, call Master Sgt. Cecillio Bartolome at 884-2246.

Classes

HAWC classes

The following classes are available at the health and wellness center:

Run Clinic - Monday, 1 p.m.

Healthy Living Workshop - Tuesday, 8:30 a.m.

Fitness Improvement Program - Tuesday, 10:30 a.m.

Body Composition Improvement Program - Tuesday, 1 p.m.

Fitness 101 - Tuesday, 2 p.m.

Total Fitness Enhancement - Wednesday, 10 a.m.

Diabetes Fitness - Wednesday, 1 p.m.

Diabetes Nutrition - Wednesday, 2 p.m.

Lean On Me - Thursday, 8:30 a.m.

Senior Fitness - Thursday, 9 a.m.

Eating Heart Healthy - Thursday, 1 p.m.

DTS not available April 12-18

The Defense Travel System will convert to its next production version, Madison Release A, April 19.

As a result, DTS won't be available to approve or cancel documents April 12-18 meaning the approved and cancelled stamps won't be available for selection by DTS users.

If you booked travel through DTS and your temporary duty assignment starts April 12-18, your orders must be approved and ticketed prior to 4 p.m. April 11.

Any new TDY starting April 12-18 must have reservations booked outside DTS and travel is accomplished on verbal orders.

Once conversion is complete, Organizational Defense Travel administrators will be notified to have their organizations resume normal DTS processes.

Questions should be directed to the DTS Tier 2 help desk at 884-5854 or e-mail at 16th Comptroller Squadron DTS helpdesk.

DON'T FORGET Set your clocks **AHEAD** one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday

Air Force graphic by Will Daniel

Hurlburt Field Chapel



Catholic Mass
Saturday, 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, 7:15 and 10 a.m.
Confessions: Saturday, 4:30 to 5 p.m., or by request

Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday
Religious Education: September - May
Protestant Services
Sunday, 8:30 a.m. (Traditional worship)
11:30 a.m. (Contemporary worship)
Religious Education: August - May
Youth and Singles groups available
Jewish Services (882-2111)
Sabbath services: Friday, 7:30 p.m., Eglin Chapel Center
Muslim Services (882-2111), Eglin Chapel Center
Jumua: Friday, 12:45 p.m.
For more information, call 884-7795.

To check out Air Force TV or Radio News visit: <http://af.feedroom.com> or www.af.mil/news and click on TV or radio to find out what's happening around the Air Force.



At the movies

Prices are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children.
Movies start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

Hurlburt Field	Eglin Air Force base
Friday	Friday
Passion of the Christ (R)	Hitch (PG-13)
Saturday and Sunday	Saturday
Son of the Mask (PG)	Constantine (R)
	Sunday
	Because of Winn-Dixie (PG)

For up-to-date movie schedules, call Hurlburt Field at 884-7648 or Eglin Air Force Base at 882-1066.
For movie information, visit <http://www.aafes.com/ems/conus/hurlburt.htm>.



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Sports Shorts

Bocce tournament

A bocce ball tournament will be held at Resources for Human Development April 16 at 11 a.m. Resources Human Development is located at 625 Lovejoy Road. For more information, call Sandy at 862-6340.

Soccer meeting

The intramural soccer coaches meeting will be held 3 p.m. Tuesday at the Aderholt Fitness Center. Letters of intent to enter a team in the soccer program are due at this time. The season starts April 11. For more information, call the Aderholt Fitness Center at 884-6884.

Youth ball

Youth baseball season kicks off Tuesday at Field 4 at the Community Park. Opening ceremonies will start at 5 p.m. For more information, call 884-6355.

Golf clinic

The Big Hitters Golf Club is hosting a junior clinic April 9 at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Eglin Golf Course. Entry is free for the first 24 to register for either times. Registration ends Wednesday. For more information, call Tony Childress at 582-3129.

OSS taken for ride by Horsemen, 16-6

By Senior Airman Heidi Davis
Public Affairs

In an evening game Monday, the 16th Operations Support Squadron went head-to-head with the 823rd RED HORSE Squadron in an intramural softball game at the Aderholt Fitness Center softball fields.

After batting first, the 16th OSS led the game 2-0, following a homerun hit by Craig Sowder with a runner on second.

After a hitless inning for the 823rd RHS, the 16th OSS was pumped to begin the second inning. Unfortunately, pop flies and short ground balls gave them a taste of their own medicine.

RED HORSE took advantage, scoring four runs in the bottom of the second. Leading 4-2, the Horsemen kept the pressure going into the third inning, keeping the 16th OSS from climbing back.

Under pressure in the bottom of the third to keep the Horsemen from scoring, the 16th OSS struggled to grab their low hits into the outfield. As a result, the 823rd RHS widened the gap by another three runs, 7-2.

Determined to come back on top, the 16th OSS changed faces in the fourth inning. With two runners on base, Billy Christensen hit a homerun making the score, 7-5.

"The three-run homerun got us back in the game," said Brock Davis, 16th OSS, "and motivated us to try harder."

With only three runs separating them from the lead, the 16th OSS kept the 823rd RHS from scoring in the fourth.

In the fifth, the 16th OSS opened up with a fair hit. With a runner on second, Sowder hit a double to center, closing the gap, 7-6. However, the action would stop there for the 16th OSS.

"Even though we were down a man, we played well, but just couldn't hold them off," said Davis. "Hopefully, we'll have more squadron participation in



Photo by Senior Airman Heidi Davis

A 16th Operations Support Squadron player is declared safe by the umpire after he crosses first base moments before the ball reaches the 823rd RED HORSE Squadron's first baseman in a game played Monday at the Aderholt Fitness Center softball fields.

future games and get a win."

The Horsemen would stomp over home plate one after another. Nine runs later, the umpire calls the game due to a 10-run mercy rule.

Though the 16th OSS started out strong, in the end, the Horsemen dominated the field, 16-6.

"We would have shut them out if it was a homerun contest," said Christensen, "but unfortunately it wasn't. At least, we played well and had some good hits."

Softball Standings

Team	W	L	Pct.
25 IOS	3	0	1.000
LRS	3	0	1.000
RHS	2	0	1.000
A M M O	1	0	1.000
SFS	3	1	.750
AMXS	2	1	.667
CMS	2	2	.500
CES	2	2	.500
MSS	1	1	.500
DET 1	1	1	.500
M D G	1	2	.333
C O M M	1	2	.333
OSS	1	3	.250
AFSOC	0	2	.000
HMXS	0	3	.000
USCG	0	3	.000

For more information, call the Aderholt Fitness Center at 884-6884.

AFAF fund-raisers

Golf tournament

A four person 'best ball' golf tournament will be held at the base golf course at 1 p.m. today. Registration is \$35 per player and check-in starts at 11:30 a.m. Prizes are based on the number of teams that play in the tournament.

Bowling tournament

In support of the Air Force

Assistance Fund Hurlburt Field is having a nine pin no tap bowling tournament at Hurlburt Lanes Bowling Center April 8 at 1 p.m. The tournament is limited to the first 12 teams. Teams must consist of four to five people.

Each person is encouraged to raise at least \$20; all pledges will be donated to AFAF. Bowling and shoes are free.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Robert Love at 884-2695.

Golf Standings

Team	W	L	Pct.
SVS	3	0	1.000
505 CCW	3	0	1.000
AFSOC	2	0	1.000
CMS	2	0	1.000
CES	2	1	.667
16 SOS	2	1	.667
6 SOS	1	1	.500
RHS	1	1	.500
M O S	1	1	.500
LRS	1	2	.333
SFS	1	2	.333
DET 1	0	3	.000
25 IOS	0	3	.000
C O M M	0	4	.000

For more information, call the Aderholt Fitness Center at 884-6884.